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ABSTRACT

The present invention provides a microorganism which, when an underwater structure is formed with a coating film containing it, produces a biojelly in water to prevent fouling of the structure with macroscopic aquatic life, such a coating or a coating film, and a method of preventing attachment of macroscopic aquatic life which comprises using said coating or coating film.

The present invention is directed to a strain of microorganism belonging to the genus <u>Alteromonas</u> and having the ability to produce a biojelly.